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PREFACE.

THE preparation of this book was undertaken in response to a demand for some new book of worship less costly than the book entitled "Prayer and Praise," and of somewhat different character. The "Five Services," here republished, have been arranged in such order that the *Te Deum* may be sung on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, instead of the first and second, and various other changes have been made corresponding to suggestions received from ministers who desire to use them. Especially an attempt has been made to introduce into the "rubric" the utmost possible degree of flexibility. Keeping to what is now the generally accepted order in worship, — namely, (1) some Introductory Exercise, (2) a Responsive Reading, (3) a Scripture Lesson, (4) Prayer, — these services permit much variety of usage. The introductory portion may begin with or without a hymn of praise, and may include or omit the Confession. It may be followed by an anthem or a hymn, or, immediately, by a responsive reading. Provision has been made for either one or two Scripture Lessons. The printed prayers may be read, either as a

whole or in part. The Minister is at liberty to substitute freely from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, and he may use one or two prayers, or a litany, to introduce the prayer which he offers in his own words; or, finally, he may lay the book entirely aside when he reaches this part of the service. The book thus aims to be a help in worship, and not to establish a tyranny of form.

The Introductory Services for Special Occasions are designed to answer a request often expressed to the committee. They may be used with any of the Five Services, taking the place of the regular order as far as the Lord's Prayer. For these special days Responsive Readings have been arranged, embodying the best that could be found from many different sources.

It is recommended that, as a rule, the Services be used either in regular succession or in accordance with the Sunday of the month. In this way all will acquire after a time that familiarity without which no liturgical exercise can become truly helpful, while there will be less risk that this familiarity may degenerate into a dead formality.

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First Service.

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *The Service may begin with the singing of the Doxology or other Hymn of Praise, after which the Minister will read one or more of the following sentences:*

THE hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

BEHOLD, the tabernacle of God is with men; and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

THE Lord is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

LET us lift up our hearts with our voices unto God on high.

¶ *When the Confession is omitted, the Lord's Prayer may next be said.*

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the Minister and People.*

MOST merciful Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid: we are heartily sorry for the sins which we have at any time committed, in thought or affection, in word or deed. We pray thee to look graciously upon us, and forgive us. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sins which so easily beset us, and to subdue our thoughts and desires in obedience to thy perfect law. We offer thee now our whole being, our bodies and souls, to be thy temple for ever. Take us, O Lord, entirely into thy hands, and let nothing henceforward, either in life or death, separate us from thee any more. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People here, and at the end of every Prayer, saying, Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of mercies, we beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to thine eternal joy. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *An Anthem or Hymn may here be sung; or, omitting this, the Minister may announce the reading from the Psalms.*

READING FROM THE PSALMS.

¶ *Then shall be said, by the Minister and People alternately, the Psalms for the day or any other selection: after which one of the following Psalms or a Hymn may be sung:*

PSALM C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

¶ *Then shall be read a Scripture lesson: after which the "Gloria in Excelsis," as follows, or in its place the following Psalm may be sung. When two lessons are taken, the second shall follow before the singing of the Psalm.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. *Amen.*

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *The use of these Prayers is at the discretion of the Minister. He may read them in order as they here follow, or some portion of them only, or he may use the Litany in connection with the Prayer which he offers in his own words: In all cases, these following sentences should first be said:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

A PRAYER FOR DEVOTION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR LIGHT.

O THOU the Eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

ALMIGHTY GOD, grant that by the faithful practice of the things that we know to be true, our hearts may be purged of all evil thoughts and desires, and we may be brought to that pureness of spirit by which alone thou canst be served. Forgive all our wanderings from the light. Show us the light, that we may live in it, may pass in

safety through the shadow of death, and abide with thee, for evermore. *Amen.*

LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in communion with thy saints in all ages, with prophets and apostles, heroes and martyrs, with our beloved dead who have fallen asleep in thy peace: we, who are still striving to do and bear thy blessed will on earth, adore thee, and offer thee our praises and supplications.

We adore thee, O Lord.

Make us of quick and tender conscience, that we may follow every suggestion of thine indwelling spirit. Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect will, the gladness of thy service, the power of thy presence in our hearts.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

May no perplexity create in us an impatient spirit, no temptation lead us into sin, no sorrow hide thy loving will from us. Teach us all to feel the need of thy grace, and to seek it; to know thy will, and to do it; and to abide in peace in our appointed lot.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

Calm the turbulence of our passions; quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears; repress the waywardness of our wills; and direct the motions

of our affections. Strengthen us to bear all our trials patiently, and to glorify thee in our daily life.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

Help us to forgive as we would be forgiven; dwelling neither in speech nor thought upon offences committed against us, but loving our brother freely as thou lovest us. Grant thy help, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and overcome every unholy feeling; remove whatever in us may be a stumbling-block in another's way, that we may conform to thy will in things both small and great.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

We beseech thee to bless and comfort the old, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to lead all children in the right way; preserve all whom we love from the dangers of this present life, and prepare them by thy grace for life eternal.

Bless all thy servants, O Lord.

Have compassion on all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity, and on those who are worn with excessive toil; give them patience, faith in thy goodness, and conformity to thy will.

So may thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

O thou who art the Strength of all souls, guide us through the darkness of this world, guard us

from its perils, hold us up and strengthen us when we grow weary in our mortal way; and lead us by thy chosen paths, through time and through death, to our eternal home in thy heavenly kingdom.

Be thou our guide and strength forevermore.

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us: preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal. *Amen.*

¶ *Any special Prayer or Prayers, from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, may be introduced in this place.*

A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION.

MOST merciful God, we thank thee for all who have walked in thy light, and especially for those near to us and dear, in whose lives we have seen thine excellent glory and beauty. May we know that out of the body as in the body they are with thee, and that, when these earthly days come to an end, it is not that our service of thee and of one another may cease, but that it may begin anew. Make us glad in all who have faithfully lived; make us glad in all who have peacefully died. Lift us into light and love and purity and blessedness; and give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in thee, and

sought in all things to do thy holy will. And unto thy blessed name do we ascribe all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

¶ *This may be said by the Minister and People together.*

O THOU who art the Providence of the world, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: we give thee most hearty thanks for all thy blessings of nature and of grace; for the power of loving; for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby thou hast drawn us nearer to thyself; and for all that thou hast in keeping for them that love thee. Henceforth, even for ever, we would trust thee with our present and our future, our hopes and our fears, for ourselves and for all whom thou hast given us to love; and as thou dost continually pour out thy gifts upon us, so may we ever, more and more, abound in thankfulness and in all good works. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

MAY the spirit that was in Jesus, the spirit of divine sonship and human brotherhood, be with us, and make us one in faith and love now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

AND now unto thee, our Father and our God, we would, as is most meet, with the church on earth and the church in heaven, ascribe all honor and glory, dominion and majesty: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

O GOD our Help, who art as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, who beholdest us, thy children, weary of labor, weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self, in thine abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness, bring us, we pray thee, unto thy rest. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, who alone makest us to dwell in safety: refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labors of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in thee, that, lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into thy holy keeping. *Amen.*

¶ *The following may be used as a Responsive Reading whenever the Minister shall choose, or the Choir may sing the Responses:*

BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the merciful.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second Service.

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *The Service may begin with the singing of the Doxology or other Hymn of Praise, after which the Minister will read one or more of the following sentences:*

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

KNOW ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

WHO shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

THEY that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

LET us draw near to God, and he will draw near to us.

¶ *When the Confession is omitted, the Lord's Prayer may next be said.*

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the Minister and People.*

IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I will arise and go to my Father, and say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People here, and at the end of every Prayer, saying, Amen.*

O LORD, our God, who callest us by the pleadings of thy compassionate spirit to repent and forsake our sins, cleanse us from every unholy desire, and remove from us every vain and evil thought; that our worship may be pure and acceptable in thy sight, and that we may worthily ask and receive thy blessing. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only God our Saviour:

People. Be glory and majesty, dominion and power, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *An Anthem or a Hymn may here be sung, or, omitting this, the Minister may announce the reading from the Psalms.*

READING FROM THE PSALMS.

¶ *Then shall be said, by the Minister and People alternately, the Psalms for the day or any other selection, after which the "Te Deum," the Psalm following, or a Hymn, may be sung.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite Majesty.

Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Fire and hail, snow and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word,

Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens, old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent.

His glory is above the earth and heaven: praise ye the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

¶ *Then shall be read a Scripture lesson, after which the following Canticle or Psalm may be sung. When two lessons are read, the second should be between the following Canticle and Psalm.*

CANTICLE.

SEEK ye the word of the Lord and read; for his thoughts are not as our thoughts.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of fearful heart: be strong; fear not.

Behold your God will bring deliverance: he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap as the hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in a thirsty land.

The solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose.

And a highway shall be there: the way of holiness.

To the meek it shall be a path of light, and the wayfaring man shall not err therein.

Come walk in his word with songs of joy:
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXI.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
Be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *The use of these Prayers is at the discretion of the Minister. He may read them in order as they here follow, or some portion of them only, or he may use the Litany in connection with the Prayer which he offers in his own words. In all cases these following sentences should first be said:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

A PRAYER FOR DIVINE HELP.

O GOD, who art ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, and who hast promised the help of thy holy Spirit to those who truly seek it, we pray thee to fulfil thy gracious promise to us thy servants, and to grant us that light and help without which we can do nothing. Guide us by thy counsel, and defend us by thy might. Purify us by thy Spirit, and keep us in thy fear and love continually; and to thee will we give praise, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF TRUST.

O THOU who alone art infinite in knowledge and wisdom, though thy ways are past our finding out, we are sure that they are just and right. Help us therefore to submit our desires to thy will, and in humility and trust to offer up our prayers. *Amen.*

LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men and hatest nothing that thou hast made, receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our shortcomings and with the hardness of our tasks.

Forgive and help us, O Lord our God.

Take from us all impurity of thought or desire; all envy, pride, hypocrisy; all falsehood and deceit; all covetousness, vain-glory, and indolence; all malice and anger,—everything that is contrary to thy will, O most holy God.

Lord, make clean our hearts within us.

Assist us in all our doings with thy gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name.

O Lord, our trust is in thee.

Shed abroad thy love in our hearts, that we may

love thee above all things, and our neighbor as ourselves, and be abundantly refreshed by that charity which never faileth.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

We remember before thee our Magistrates, and all who are in authority; enlighten and guide them, and so dispose and order the affairs of this nation that righteousness and truth may prevail, and that in all godliness and honesty this people may live quiet and peaceable lives.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

We commend to thee those who are in need, sickness, or adversity; let the comfort of thy Spirit never depart from them; give them patience and constancy, and in thine own good time turn their sorrow into joy.

O Lord, be thou their hope and stay.

Protect and bless our friends and kindred; and so fill us with love, gentleness, and forbearance that we may walk in our homes with a perfect heart, and have joy in each other which passeth not away.

Be thou our guide and strength for evermore.

O Lord, our God, who lovest us, inspire in our hearts, we pray, a holy love toward thee, which shall lead our minds to clear and steadfast faith; that thy truth may be our light, thy righteousness our strength, and thy love the peace and comfort of our life for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Any special Prayer or Prayers, from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, may be introduced in this place.*

A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION.

ETERNAL GOD, with whom do live the spirits that depart hence, we praise and magnify thee for thy grace and blessing manifested to all thy true saints and faithful servants, of every nation and every age, who have glorified thee in their mortal lives. Grant to us, we pray, their spirit of love, and of devotion to thy will. May their example quicken us to a better life; so that we, who cherish their memory, may by thy grace be gathered into the company of those who abide with thee for ever. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING.

¶ *This may be said by the Minister and People together.*

FATHER of Compassion, and Fountain of all goodness: we heartily thank thee for thy bountiful gifts to us and to all men. We thank thee for the blessings of health and strength, and for our consolations in time of trial. We thank thee for all kindly charities and pure affections; for the means of doing good which thou hast given; and for the victory over sin and death which thou hast promised us. Above all, we thank thee that thou hast revealed to us thy goodness, and the love that governs all our ways. We

therefore bless thy holy name, and bring our offering of praise and gratitude; praying that thou wilt establish us in every good word and work, and make us worthy the love thou hast bestowed upon us. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

O GOD, the Father of lights, in whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, help us so to live in thy peace that even the night shall be light about us. O thou who dost neither slumber nor sleep, and who givest thine angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways, send out thy light and thy truth, till all men shall see thy glory, and the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of God. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose Providence both the day and night are governed, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, as thou hast this day preserved us by thy goodness, so still this night to overshadow us by thy might; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved from all adversities that hurt the body, and from all thoughts that assault and defile the soul. *Amen.*

¶ *The following may be used as a Responsive Reading whenever the Minister shall choose, or the Choir may sing the Responses:*

THE first of the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

And the second is like, namely, this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Third Service.

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *The Service may begin with the singing of the Doxology, or other Hymn of Praise, after which the Minister will read one or more of the following sentences:*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul.

I BESEECH you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

WHAT doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

HE that doeth righteousness is righteous. In this the children of God are manifest. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God.

NOT every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father in heaven.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

LET us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord our God.

¶ *When the Confession is omitted, the Lord's Prayer may next be said.*

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the Minister and People.*

MOST merciful Father, who knowest the depths of our hearts: we confess unto thee that we continually fall short of that holiness which thou dost require in thy children: we forget or neglect the duties that we owe to thee and to our fellow-men. Help us to make our penitence for these shortcomings a repentance unto new life. Guide us by thy Spirit, and give us strength to overcome the weakness which leads us into sin; that so, being made acceptable in thy sight, we may dwell as children in thy presence for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People here, and at the end of every Prayer, saying Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, grant that, being brought to a deep sense of our unworthiness, we may so watch against temptation, and be so helped and strengthened by thy favor, as hereafter to serve and please thee in newness of life. Grant

that, our hearts and minds being joined to thee by thy love, we may escape all dangers which do presently beset us, and finally attain unto thine everlasting joy. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our eyes.

People. That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *An Anthem or Hymn may then be sung; or, omitting this, the Minister may announce the reading from the Psalms.*

READING FROM THE PSALMS.

¶ *Then shall be said, by the Minister and People alternately, the Psalms for the day or any other selection, after which the following Psalm, or Canticle, or Gloria may be sung:*

PSALM LXVI.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands; Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thy name.

O bless our God, ye people; and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God; and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth; and he hath heard me.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

CANTICLE.

THE tabernacle of God is with men: he dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

All day its gates are open; and no night shuts the way of mercy.

Come to the river of God in the midst: to him that is athirst he giveth of its living waters freely.

Come to the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

Blessed be the Lord that draweth nigh; and openeth deep things of the spirit to them that love him;

And calleth the kingdoms of this world to be the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. *Amen.*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

¶ *Then shall be read a Scripture lesson: after which the Benedictus or the Psalm following may be sung. When two lessons are taken, the second shall follow before the singing of the Psalm.*

BENEDICTUS.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David.

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death; and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *The use of these Prayers is at the discretion of the Minister. He may read them in order as they here follow, or some portion of them only, or he may use the Litany in connection with the Prayer which he offers in his own words. In all cases, these following sentences should first be said:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

A PRAYER FOR LIGHT.

O LORD our God, who turnest into morning the shadows of night, grant that we may be children of the light and of the day. Let the sun of thy righteousness shine in our hearts. Enlighten our reason, make clear our conscience, and purify our affections. We give ourselves to thee this day, beseeching thee so to rule and govern us by thy Spirit that faithless distrust and all evil thoughts may be driven from our minds; that we may walk with joy in the light of thy countenance and in the way of thy salvation. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR HELP IN WORSHIP.

O THOU, Light of our hearts and Life of our souls, the Strength of all that seek thee: grant us thy grace and blessing as we offer to thee our common supplications. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy free spirit. Help us to desire and seek after the good for which we pray; that the hunger and thirst of our souls may be satisfied from the plenteousness of thy mercy. Behold, we would not live unto ourselves, but unto thee. Let thy will be ours; and grant us above all things to rest in thee, that in thee our hearts may be at peace. *Amen.*

LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, we bow before thee in humble penitence, owning our weakness and our want, and coming to thee for help and deliverance.

O Lord, deliver us from evil.

Almighty God, toward whose everlasting blessedness we ascend by the strong desire of the soul, and by patient continuance in well doing: lead us by thine inspiration to seek our true life with thee, and earnestly to strive to enter into thy heavenly kingdom.

Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us.

Set us free from the bondage of self-will, and passion, and unholy desire, that sin may not have dominion over us; but that with a willing mind we may serve thee, the Lord of heaven and earth.

Sanctify and renew us in the spirit of our minds.

From unrighteous anger and an impatient temper, from an uncharitable judgment and readiness to believe evil, from inordinate cares and needless anxieties, from complaints against thee and from rebellion against thy holy will,

Deliver us, O Lord.

Give us a wise and understanding heart, a fervent and faithful spirit, a love of holy things, and a longing for whatsoever is good and true.

Lord, fix our hearts on thee.

O God, the Father of lights: with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: we ask of thee that wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Give us, we pray thee, wisdom from above.

Help us to walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

So may we fulfil the law of love.

Grant, O Lord, that we faint not; but, though our outward man perish, may our inward man be renewed day by day.

Help us, we pray, to live and walk in thy spirit.

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise, from all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the voices of saints in heaven. *Amen.*

¶ *Any special Prayer or Prayers, from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, may be introduced in this place.*

O GOD, who hast taught us how good it is to follow the holy desires which thou hast put into our hearts, and how grievous it is to lose the love of whatever beauty and goodness our minds have once beheld: give us grace, we beseech thee,

at all times, to desire and seek the best gifts. Forgive, we pray, the imperfections of the best offering we can make to thee. Kindle thou our sacrifice by the heavenly fire of thine own goodness and love; and may we so truly find thee here in our prayer that we shall never lose thee, but dwell in thy holy presence henceforth, and even for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

O GOD who, in thy dear Son, didst bestow upon the world a new inspiration of pure love and compassion: grant that we, who are so often turned aside from brotherly kindness, may, by thy love shed abroad in our hearts, be filled with thine own goodness; that we may be made one with each other, as children of the same Father in heaven, in the spirit of charity and peace. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING.

¶ *This may be said by the Minister and People together.*

ALMIGHTY Father and Keeper of our souls, we give thee thanks for thy faithful servants who, having witnessed in their lives the power of thy help, have left the light of their example to shine before thy people upon earth. We thank thee for the life which we have from thee,

and for the work to which thou hast appointed us; for whatever of good thou hast enabled us to win, and for the hope that leads us on toward eternal life. Give us, we pray, a heartfelt gratitude for these and all thy mercies, and increase in us the manifold gifts of thy Spirit; that through thy counsel and might we may do those works which glorify thee, our Father in heaven. *Amen.*

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

O THOU, who hast made us in thy love, who hast put thy Spirit upon us and called us to be sons of God, and hast set One before us that he might be as the first born of many brethren, help us to see him as he is, that we may be like him in faith, and love, and heavenly communion. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

MAY the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, be with us now, and abide in our hearts for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

MAY the Spirit which was in Jesus, the Spirit of divine Sonship and human brotherhood, be with us, and make us one in faith and love now and evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

ETERNAL GOD and most merciful Father, grant that our souls may rest in the thought of thy goodness, and quiet themselves in thee. May we now, and at all times, find in thee our true inward peace. Let thy mighty hand and out-stretched arm be our defence, thy mercy and loving-kindness our salvation, thy holy Spirit our comfort and our strength, now and evermore. *Amen.*

O GOD, who givest us these quiet hours of holy thought and prayer: we thank thee for the rest which thou hast granted us, and the peace which thou hast breathed into our souls this day. As the shadows of evening gather, we commend our spirits to thy care. When the morning calls us forth again to serve thee, may thy love renew the blessing which we have sought to-day; that so, in new strength for toil, and a holier spirit of devotion to thy will, we may receive thy merciful answer to our prayers. *Amen.*

Fourth Service.

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *The Service may begin with the singing of the Doxology or other Hymn of Praise, after which the Minister will read one or more of the following sentences:*

THE Lord is gracious and full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

TRUST ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord our God is everlasting strength.

REST in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; to all that call upon him in truth.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name.

COME walk in his word with songs of joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¶ *When this exhortation is read, the Lord's Prayer should next be said.*

MAY this house be unto us no other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. Here let us worship him who is Spirit, in spirit and in truth. Suffer not the cares of the world and the anxieties of life to interrupt our devotions. Toil, trial, and suffering still await us; and the experience of every day teaches that we are not sufficient unto ourselves. Let us put our trust in him whose grace is ready to help in time of need.

¶ *Or this:*

LET us lift up our hearts unto God, our heavenly Father, the holy and merciful, with whom is power and peace.

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the Minister and People.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We pray thee that, in thy great compassion, thou wilt help us henceforth to do those things which are pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People here, and at the end of every Prayer, saying, Amen.*

MOST gracious God, to know and love whose will is righteousness, enlighten our souls with the brightness of thy presence, that we may both know thy will, and be enabled to perform it. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *An Anthem or Hymn may here be sung; or, omitting this, the Minister may announce the reading from the Psalms.*

READING FROM THE PSALMS.

¶ *Then shall be said, by Minister and People alternately, the Psalms for the day, or any other selection; after which the Te Deum or the Canticle following may be sung.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite Majesty.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

CANTICLE.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the righteous, bless

ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Holy and Humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

¶ *Then shall be read a Scripture lesson, after which one of the following Psalms may be sung. If two lessons are taken, the second shall follow immediately after the singing of the first Psalm.*

PSALM XXVII.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

Glory be to God most High, the ever-blessed Father,

Who is, and was, and shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM CXVI.

RETURN unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Glory be to God most High, the ever-blessed Father,

Who is, and was, and shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *The use of these Prayers is at the discretion of the Minister. He may read them in order as they here follow, or some portion of them only, or he may use the Litany in connection with the Prayer that he offers in his own words. In all cases these following sentences should first be said:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

A PRAYER FOR PURITY.

O LORD our God, eternal, wonderful in glory; who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto thee, the Hope of those who cry unto thee: cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness, that with a pure heart and a clear conscience we may confidently and fearlessly pray unto thee, trusting in thine infinite mercy and loving kindness. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR PEACE.

O THOU Unseen, but not unknown, in thee alone can our spirits find true rest and peace; and in thy love is our highest joy. Preserve in our hearts that peace which passeth understanding. In all thy holy discipline of trouble and pain grant us the patience of hope, and the faith that is rooted and grounded in love. In prosperity or adversity may we live as thy children, and ever grow in love to thee, and in devotion to thy holy will. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR GRACE.

GRANT us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

O GOD, the Fountain of all being and of all love,

Let thy blessing be upon us, and fill us with thy love.

From all jealousy and envy at the good of others, from all unkindness, from offence given

or taken, from unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit, from a hard and unforgiving temper, and from evil-speaking,

O Lord, deliver us.

From an unquiet and discontented spirit, from despondency and gloom,

O Lord, deliver us.

From fears and misgivings, from doubts of thy boundless love, and from forgetfulness of thy tender mercies,

O Lord, deliver us.

We pray thee, O Lord, to inspire in us that love which suffereth long and is kind; which envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; which doth not behave itself unseemly, and seeketh not its own;

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

Charity, which is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; love which never faileth.

Grant us to be filled with the fulness of thy love.

¶ *Any special Prayer or Prayers, from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, may be introduced in this place.*

O GOD our Father, in whom is calmness and peace, reconcile the dissensions which divide us from one another, and bring us into a unity

of love which may bear some likeness to thy blessed nature; that we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as with each other, through that peace of thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness wherewith thou, O Lord, art our Father, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

O GOD of love, who hast given us a new commandment through thy dear Son, that we should love one another, even as thou dost love us, the unworthy and the wandering: we pray thee, Lord, give to us thy servants a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience, and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION.

OUR heavenly Father, we rejoice in the blessed communion of all thy saints, wherein thou givest us also to have part. We remember before thee all who have departed this life in thy faith and love, and especially those most dear to us. We thank thee for our present fellowship with them, for our common hope, and for the promise of future joy. Oh, let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly living. Even now may we be refreshed

with their joy; that so with patience we may run the race that is set before us, and with them ever worship and adore thy glorious name. *Amen.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

¶ *This may be said by the Minister and People together.*

O THOU, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and on earth, we praise thee, we bless thee, we give thanks unto thee for all thou art to us, and all thou doest for us, day by day. For reason and conscience, for nurture and guidance, and for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for thy forbearance and long-suffering, and thy tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for thy promise, and our hope, of good in the time to come; for these and all other mercies, known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we bless thee and will bless, we give thanks to thee, and will give thanks now and forever. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as

may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

NOW the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; that ye may abound in hope, through the power of his holy Spirit. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose paths are always mercy and truth: grant, we beseech thee, that we may continually advance in the love of thee, and rejoice in thy protection; that we may serve thee with a quiet mind, and evermore abide in thy peace. *Amen.*

O LORD GOD, the Life of mortals, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those who labor, and the repose of the weary, grant us a tranquil night; that sleeping and waking we may be strengthened by thy spirit, and enabled with thankful hearts to love and serve thee continually. *Amen.*

Fifth Service.

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *The Service may begin with the singing of the Doxology, or other Hymn of Praise, after which the Minister will read one or more of the following sentences: or in place of these the sentences for Minister and People may be read.*

GOD is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him.

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God.

IF we love one another God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

AS many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

AND the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

¶ *Or this:*

Minister. Let us offer unto God the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

People. We will utter the memory of his great goodness, and sing of his righteousness.

Minister. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

People. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Minister. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

People. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Minister. The Lord is the strength of our life, our hope, and our portion forever.

People. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

LET us lift up our hearts in reverence, in humility, in love, to that Spirit of Love, Holiness, and Wisdom, who pervades all places and all spirits. Unseen by the outer eye, unheard by the outer ear, God reigns here, without, within. Let all voices join in singing praise and glory unto him. Let all hearts unite in forming a brotherhood of which he is the Father. In this life there is nothing so beautiful as God's worship. Let us

join in that worship, feeling that he whom we adore is before us, around us, and within us.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People here, and at the end of every Prayer, saying Amen.*

AS thou, O Father, hast life in thyself, so in all ages thy wisdom entering into holy souls maketh them to be sons of God and prophets. In the filial spirit which would have no life nor love apart from thee, and in the likeness of him who has taught us the holy beauty of a life at one with thee, we would be followers of thee as dear children. So all the days of our appointed time would we wait till our change come, and thou call us to a higher service in a world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.*

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. All glory be to him who createth the light, and commandeth it to shine on the face

of the deep! How much more glorious is that light which shines in upon our minds, from his holy Spirit and his eternal word!

People. Blessed be his name for this light which no darkness overspreads, and whose sun goeth not down.

Minister. God is the Lord who hath showed us such light. With him is the fountain of life: in his light we see light.

People. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *An Anthem or Hymn may then be sung; or, omitting this, the Minister may announce the responsive reading.*

RESPONSIVE READING.

¶ *Then shall be said, by the Minister and People alternately, the Psalms for the day or any other selection, after which one of the following Psalms or a Hymn may be sung:*

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the invisible hosts of heaven. *Amen.*

PSALM VIII.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Who has set thy glory above the heavens!

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained,

What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels; and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands.

Thou hast put all things under his feet:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the invisible hosts of heaven. *Amen.*

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

¶ *Then shall be read a Scripture lesson: after which the Canticle or in its place the following Psalm may be sung. When two lessons are taken, the second shall follow before the singing of the Psalm.*

CANTICLE.

THE heavens and the earth may perish; but thou, O Lord, shalt endure.

Yea, they shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed;

But thou art the same; and thy years shall have no end.

The Lord is our strength and our song, and is become our salvation.

We shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the invisible hosts of heaven. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts,

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the invisible hosts of heaven. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *The use of these Prayers is at the discretion of the Minister. He may read them in order as they here follow, or some portion of them only, or he may use the Litany in connection with the Prayer which he offers in his own words. In all cases, these following sentences should first be said.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

A PRAYER FOR HELP IN WORSHIP.

O LORD, we know not what we should pray for as we ought; therefore let thy spirit enlighten and direct us as when we pray; and may our hearts rise to thee in true and acceptable worship. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR CONSECRATION.

ETERNAL GOD, who dost commit to us the swift and solemn trust of life: lay to rest by the persuasion of thy Spirit the resistance of our passion, indolence and fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet must go, that the humblest work may shine and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above distrust of thee by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will; that so we may be modest in prosperity, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death, and confident of everlasting life. *Amen.*

A LITANY OF PRAISE.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: we lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving; we praise thee for the life which thou hast given us, and the

service to which thou hast appointed us, for the knowledge of thy will, and the inspirations of thy love:

We praise thee, O our God.

For the work we have strength to do, for the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever good there has been in our past lives, and for the hopes which lead us on toward better things:

We praise thee, O our God.

For the revealing of thy presence in nature, and the tokens of thy wisdom and power, in the least as in the greatest; for every moment of nearer communion with thy Spirit in all that is fair and glorious in the universe:

We praise thee, O our God.

For thy holy word of righteousness and truth, spoken by the wise and good in every age, made manifest in noble and saintly lives:

We praise thee, O our God.

For home and friends, for all the comfort and gladness of our lives; for encouragements to duty, for succor in temptation; for sympathy in sorrow, for the peace that is gained through strife, and the rest that comes after toil:

We praise thee, O our God.

For the pain and loss which befall us when we disobey thy holy laws, and wander away from thee into the darkness of sin:

For this also would we praise thee, O our God.

When our spirits fail, when our way is dark-

ened, when we are oppressed by care, or weighed down by sorrow, then, for the love which bids us come to thee and lay our burden at thy feet:

We praise thee, O God, our Father and our Friend.

Make us less unworthy of all thy mercies, and give us grace to know and do thy holy will.

So may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

¶ *Any special Prayer or Prayers, from the collection of Thanksgivings and Prayers, may be introduced in this place.*

O THOU, who art the one God and Father of all, who hast breathed thine own Spirit into thy children, and made us to be at one with each other as members of thy household, enable us henceforth to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Amid diversities of knowledge and of faith, may we be made one in spirit, in brotherly affection, and in devotion to thy holy will. Deliver us from all blindness and prejudice, and whatsoever else would turn our hearts from one another. By the charity of our temper and thoughts may we show forth the power of the gospel of love; and may we live in peace and unity with all our brethren, as followers of the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR GRACE TO SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.

O LORD, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto thyself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight; and give us such a mighty love as shall sweeten all our obedience. Oh, let us not serve thee with the spirit of bondage, but with the gladness of children, delighting ourselves in thee and rejoicing in thy work. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF PATIENCE AND TRUST.

LORD, help us to love thee with a pure affection that shall save us from sin. Give us strength for every duty, and patience to bear every cross. May we trustfully accept all that pleaseth thee, be it prosperity or adversity, be it gladness or sorrow, taking it from the hand of thy love, and for the love we bear to thee. We would humbly follow the guidance of thy Spirit, through whatever way thou shalt appoint for us, in obedience and trust, with the joyful hope of coming ever nearer to thee. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee: fulfil now,

O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

THE Lord is our Guardian: he will not leave us nor forsake us. The Lord preserve us in love and peace from this time forth, and even forevermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this.*

MAY the spirit of Love, the spirit of Truth, the Eternal Spirit of God be, and abide with us all, evermore, and speak to our hearts his everlasting peace. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

O LORD, our God, grant unto us, above all things that can be desired, to rest in thee, and in thee to have our hearts at peace. Thou art the true peace of the heart, thou its only rest; out of thee all things are hard and restless. In this very peace, in thee, the Eternal Good, may our souls rest forevermore. *Amen.*

OUR God, and God of our fathers, grant hope to them that seek thee; inspire with courage all that wait for thee; and be nigh unto all them that trust in thy name; that all men may walk in the light of thy truth, and feel that they are children of one Father. *Amen.*

Introductory Services for Special Occasions.

¶ *The three following Services are designed for Christmas, Easter, and for memorial occasions. They may be substituted for the beginning of any one of the five services as far as the Lord's Prayer. Appropriate Responsive Readings will be found at the end of the book.*

CHRISTMAS.

¶ *Introductory sentences.*

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

THE spirit of the Lord shall be upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

HE that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

¶ *Exhortation.*

IN the glad joy of our Christmas-tide we come together to celebrate the birth of a new spirit in the world, and that old yet ever new miracle which is in the beginnings of life, in the power of innocency and in the divinity of childhood. As the lessons of this day are brought to our minds, let the heavens again open to our

souls, and may our prayers and God's blessings be like angels ascending and descending. Here let us learn the true humility of a child; here may the voice speak to us of the coming kingdom of peace, so that, heeding its divine prompting, we may look no more back, but press forward to the mark of our high calling, even unto the heritage reserved for all God's sons who strive to do his righteous will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People answering, Amen.*

O THOU the inspirer and helper of all who put their trust in thee, we thank thee for this day which tells us of one who lived that he might save men by love, heal them by sympathy, and die for them in pity. We thank thee for the revelation of that purity which is stronger than armies, and for the truth which is greater than knowledge. May our souls be moved and our wills be melted in the presence of such tender passion, and grant, O most holy One, that the lessons of this day and life be not lost upon us; but, enkindling within our own hearts that true charity for all men, may send us forth on missions of healing and blessing! So let thy kingdom come and thy will be done, even on earth as now in heaven. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer may next be said, and the remaining part of the Service may follow as in the regular order.*

EASTER.

¶ *Introductory sentences.*

EXCEPT a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but, if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

AS the earth bringeth forth her bud, and the garden causeth the things sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth among all nations.

THE souls of the righteous are in the hands of the Lord, and there shall no evil touch them.

SO WHEN this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory!

¶ *Exhortation.*

DEARLY beloved, with hearts and minds open to the lessons of this season, when all nature prophesies to man, let us rejoice in that Christian gospel which interprets the prophecy of nature, and celebrate with gladness the triumph of life over death, of spiritual continuance through all outward change. Let us answer the

manifold lessons with newness of life in ourselves, that so, casting off the works of darkness to put on the armor of light, and led by the hope that is full of immortality, we may press forward in glad and faithful service unto that world in which is fulness of joy and life everlasting.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People answering, Amen.*

INFINITE and gracious Father, who alone hast life and immortality in thyself, we would draw near to thee in grateful love as to the Fountain of our being. Apart from thee there is no life: in thee there is no death. Thou sendest forth thy breath, the earth wakens, and all nature's voices lift up their obedient praise to thee. Send thy spirit into our hearts, that we also may praise thee with joyful lips, and all that is within us bless thy holy name. On this day which testifies of the power of the soul to outlast the changes of earth, and to rise victorious over the bondage of death, may our immortal being hear the call and feel its meaning! Help us, we pray, to rise from the death of sin, in the likeness and might of him who assures us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: because I live, ye shall live also." *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer may next be said, and the remaining part of the Service may follow as in the regular order.*

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

SING, O heavens! and be joyful, O earth! for the Lord hath comforted his people.

HE giveth light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. He shall swallow up death in victory, and wipe away all tears from all faces.

THEY that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Yea, he that goeth forth weeping, bearing his seed, shall surely come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves.

THIS man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation.

¶ *Exhortation.*

LET us call to remembrance, and be glad in their goodness, those dear immortals, our dead and ever living, who have passed the doors beyond which we cannot see. As they kept the faith in time of trial, and righteousness in the hour of temptation, so, inspired by their example, may we be able, when danger is near and the flesh is weak, to triumph over every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer, the People answering, Amen.*

O THOU who hast raised up prophets and apostles to be mighty forerunners in all the blessed privileges of a heavenly inheritance, we thank thee for the heroes and martyrs, the saints and confessors, who strove to do and bear thy perfect will on earth. Draw us unto thyself by the same uplifting power, that our feet stumble not on the dark mountain, nor falter in the shadow of the valley of death. Reveal to us the gladness of thy service, and make us truly thankful for the heritage wherein thou hast given us a portion. Oh, let the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into peace be to us an example of righteous living, that we, who cherish their memory, may, by thy grace, be enabled in all things to live aright, and finally be deemed worthy of the crown of everlasting life. *Amen.*

¶ *The Lord's Prayer may next be said, and the remaining part of the Service may follow in the usual order.*

Thanksgivings and Prayers.

THANKSGIVINGS.

O THOU who hast compassed all the pathway of our lives, we thank thee that thy providence abides through every change. Thou dost cheer the loneliest lot with the comfort of thy presence; and we can only bless thee for thine unfailing care. Into thine own eternity thou hast called us, and set us in the midst of purposes we cannot measure; but we would thank thee for the good we know, and pray that thou wilt teach us patience till thou send more light. Waken our hearts to gratitude, O Lord, for mercies which have flowed upon us, day by day, in health and sickness, in labor and repose, in joy and sorrow. Give us grace to praise thee in our whole lives, ever seeking to know and do thy will, and giving thanks unto thee for all things. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, we render most hearty praise and thanks unto thee that thou hast preserved us, both this night and all the times and days of our lives hitherto, under thy protection, and hast permitted

us to live unto this present hour. We beseech thee to receive us this day into thy care, so ruling and governing us during our whole lives from henceforth that all manner of darkness and evil may be utterly driven out of our hearts, and that we may walk in the light of thy truth, to the help of our neighbor, and to thy glory and praise. *Amen.*

TRUST AND SUBMISSION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of life, we humbly thank thee, not alone for what is bright and fair in our lot, but for the difficulty, the trial, the darkness. We would thank thee for the doubts that perplex us, the infirmities that oppress us, the sorrows that make us faint and fear; for we know that thou wilt answer the strong cry which these bring forth out of our souls after light from thee. Oh, grant that we may so endure as becometh thy children; that, doubting, we may not despair; cast down, we may not be destroyed; sorrowing, we may not be without hope. *Amen.*

FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Light in darkness, our Strength in weakness, our Hope in sinfulness, and our Eternal Home, be unto us

merciful, long-suffering, and patient; that we, who are slow of growth, may hope to come at last to thy likeness; and, being upheld by thee, may by thy mercy go from strength to strength, until, through the waste and dreariness, through the joy and duty, of this earthly life having safely passed, we in the fulness of thy mercy may come into the land of the eternal peace. *Amen.*

THE JOY OF SIN FORGIVEN.

LORD of all life, Source of all light, guiding and governing all things of thy loving-kindness and power, hear our thanksgivings unto thee for all the joy that thou puttest into mortal life, but chiefly for the joy that comes of sin forgiven, weakness strengthened, victory promised, life eternal looked for. To every one of us grant that, being fully conscious of having erred and strayed from thy ways, we may be equally conscious of our need to go back again to thee, the Good Shepherd. Let there be no doubt with any one of us that thou dost forgive, even to the uttermost, all those who draw nigh in penitence to thee, that so those who are sinful, and sorrowful because sinful, may be filled with thy joy this day. Give to the lowliest hope, bring to the saddest joy, that so thy gospel may be indeed to us glad tidings, renewing our strength, and helping us through

the rest of our days to live lowly, ever trusting in thee. *Amen.*

FOR THE DEPARTED.

OUR Father in heaven, as we pray for thy children who are living with us here on earth, so would we also remember before thee those who have been taken from our mortal sight, and have passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the world that lies beyond. We commend them to thy fatherly care, even to that divine providence which surrounded their earthly way. Thou wilt grant unto those who sought thee here the blessed vision of thy brighter presence, and unto those who obeyed thee in humility and love. the call to a higher service. Thou canst renew the strength that failed on earth; thou canst restore the purity that was soiled, and give light to the mind that was blinded, and change the heart that was turned from thee. Oh, continue thou thy mercies and loving-kindness to those whom here thou couldst never forsake. And may we, in all our present work and striving, in our gladness or sorrow, and in all the deepest experiences of our life here below, be kept in a true fellowship of spirit with the departed, and be sustained by the joyful expectation of meeting them again, and of being joined with them in still

closer and dearer bonds of love and holy service. *Amen.*

FOR GRACE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

O GOD, whose kingdom cometh in spirit and in power, and who sendest thy word like the dew that falleth silently upon the earth: grant that all who contend for the faith which thou hast given them may never injure it by clamor and impatience, but, speaking thy precious truth in love, may so present it that men may see in it thy goodness and thy beauty, who art the only true God. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE IN DOUBT.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who hast given us thy truth for a light to our feet amid the darkness of this world, have pity upon all who, by doubt or denial, have gone astray from the path of safety, bring home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive it as little children. *Amen.*

FOR ALL WHO ARE IN AFFLICTION.

O THOU who art the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of all who suffer, let the prayers of those who cry out of any tribulation come unto

thee; and may they rejoice to find that thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions. Let all who are beset by fears, troubled by poverty, worn by illness, all who are wronged and oppressed, the lonely, the suffering, the weary and heavy-laden, be sustained by thy might, consoled by thy tenderness, and cherished by thy fatherly compassion. *Amen.*

AGAINST SPIRITUAL APATHY.

O GOD, the Sovereign Good of the soul, who requirest the hearts of all thy children, deliver us from all sloth in thy work, all coldness in thy cause, and grant us by looking unto thee to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon thee to renew our strength. *Amen.*

FOR PEACE.

O GOD, who art Peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us that the peacemakers are thy children, pour thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be dear to us forever. *Amen.*

LORD God Almighty, who art our true Peace and Love eternal, enlighten our souls with the brightness of thy peace, and pour into our

hearts such love toward thee that we, loving thee and each other fervently, may abide in thy peace and love forever. *Amen.*

FOR FAITHFULNESS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Maker of heaven and earth, Giver of light and life, so teach us those things which belong to the heavenly kingdom and those duties which are of the earth that we, stirred by the light and life of thy peace, may be enabled faithfully to do the things committed to us, looking ever unto thee for light and life; that, being lifted above ourselves, thy peace, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds forever. *Amen.*

THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE.

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord, forever, who turnest not away tribulation and chastisement from thy chosen, that so they may be disciplined and made meet for thee. When we are in deep distress, and the heart faints and fails under the burden of its sorrows; when we are encompassed with danger and beset with fear,—oh, what shall we say? Father, save us from this hour! But for this cause came we unto this hour; that, being tried and perfectly moulded to thy will, like gold tried in the furnace, we may be

lifted up into light and peace, and called to be at thy right hand. Father, glorify thy name! Fortify us under each new distress; be thou our strength and support, till patience have her perfect work, and faith be made pure and firm. *Amen.*

FOR SHELTER FROM THE STORM.

ETERNAL Refuge of those who are distressed, grant unto us that in all trouble of this our mortal life we may flee to thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake thy peace within us. Whatsoever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that thou art our Father. *Amen.*

FOR TRUST.

GRANT unto us, that we, feeling toward thee as children, may trust where we cannot see, and hope where all seems doubtful, ever looking unto thee as our Father that doeth all things well, our Father that ordereth all. Thus, knowing that all things are in thy hands, may we abide thy time, patiently doing the work thou hast given us to do. Mercifully give us peace in the hour of death, and afterward an abundant entrance into the life eternal. *Amen.*

COMFORT IN STRESS.

O THOU whose name is Love, and whose compassions fail not, let thy merciful kindness be for our comfort when burdens are heavy and sorrow is near,—when our hearts fail us for the things that are coming to pass, and we fear as we enter into the cloud. Give us faith when our dear ones die out of our sight. And in our last hour lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou art the strength of those who put their trust in thee. Send out thy light and thy truth, to shine pure and strong over death and the grave. *Amen.*

FOR MEEKNESS AND PEACEABLENESS.

ETERNAL GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, help us to put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil-speaking, with all malice. May we possess our souls in patience, however we are tempted and provoked, and not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Enable us, O God of patience, to bear one another's burdens, and to forbear one another in love! Oh, teach and help us all to live in peace and to love in truth, following peace with all men and walking in love, as Christ loved us, of whom let us learn such meekness and lowliness of heart

that in him we may find rest for our souls. Subdue all bitter resentments in our minds, and let the law of kindness be in our tongues, and a meek and quiet spirit in all our lives. Make us so gentle and peaceable that we may be followers of thee as dear children, that thou, the God of peace, mayest dwell with us forevermore. *Amen.*

THE SPIRIT OF THE BEATITUDES.

O GOD, who puttest into our hearts such deep desires that we cannot be at peace until we rest in thee: mercifully grant that the longing of our souls may not go unsatisfied because of any unrighteousness of life that must separate us from the All-holy. Open our ears to the counsels of eternal wisdom, and breathe into our souls the peace which passeth understanding. Grant us to be lowly in spirit, and to have our portion in the kingdom of heaven. Sanctify our sorrow, that we may so mourn as to find comfort. Let our hunger and thirst be for righteousness, that we may be filled with the bread of heaven. Teach us so to be merciful that we may obtain mercy in our need. Make us pure in heart, that we may see thee. Grant us to be peacemakers, as thy children, that thy peace may be with us when we suffer for righteousness' sake. O Lord, give us grace to seek first thy kingdom; and we know that thou wilt add unto us all things needful. *Amen.*

FOR A LOVING AND FORGIVING SPIRIT.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who knowest all that we have need of before we ask thee, help us to feel our true necessity and to desire only what thou art ready to give. We cannot live in happy trust in thee unless we are trying to do our duty to each other. We therefore pray thee to fill us with thy blessed spirit of love and kindness and generous sympathy, that we may enter more into each other's joys and sorrows. Make us specially kind and gentle to those who are most distasteful to us. Above all, keep us from a captious and quarrelsome temper, from all careless or wilful misunderstandings, and from every unkind suspicion. Teach us to make our lives blessing and blest by adding at least a little day by day to the happiness and welfare of others. We are often fretful, prejudiced, and unjust, and ready to take offence; and sometimes others around us are so, too. O Lord, deliver us from ourselves: let us learn to take this discipline from thy loving hand, and to conquer all our vexation by love and forgiveness, remembering our own need of thy mercy and forbearance. In our work be thou our light and our strength. In our care be thou our rest and our hope. In our sorrow be thou our consolation. In life, and in death, come when it may, be thou our loving Father and our eternal Friend. *Amen.*

FOR TRUE HAPPINESS AND PEACE.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, help us to praise thee for the new mercies of another day of life; for thy kind and loving care over us; for thy patience with our infirmity; for thy merciful forgiveness of all our sins. May we so live rejoicing in thee that our duties may be cheerfully and faithfully done, and that we may give help and comfort to one another, bearing each other's burdens, and making the path of life less difficult and sad. May we never forget that we are all thy dear children, and that our highest privilege is to love thee with all our hearts, and to do unto others as we would be done by. And, O heavenly Father, we pray thee to make our lives happy, notwithstanding all our trials, and our little or great difficulties. Give us thy peace which passeth all understanding, and which will keep us wise and steadfast in prosperity, and will bear us up in the worst time of adversity. Graciously receive, O Lord, these our prayers and praises; and let the blessings we have asked for ourselves fall bountifully over all mankind, to the honor and glory of thy name. *Amen.*

FOR A GOOD LIFE.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we thank thee for the light and life of another day, and for all thy mercies toward us,

which in our impatience we so easily forget. Help us this day to live happily and to walk uprightly. May perfect truthfulness and justice be found in all our dealings. May we do our best in what we have to do, and so learn to take a pride and pleasure in those duties which thou hast laid upon us! Give us grace to bear with patience the crossings of our will, and the incapacity or wilfulfulness of others. May we have power to rise above the fretting circumstances of daily life, and to think more about the hopes of the great world in which we live, and the good purposes of our God toward us all. Make us kind and charitable, thoughtful of each other's wants and feelings, and more ready to give up our own gratifications for others' sakes. Protect us from all harm; but, if it be thy good pleasure that it should occur, help us to bear it bravely, and to trust in thee, whatever may befall us. We ask all these blessings for thy name's sake. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that we might know ourselves to be sons of God and heirs of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that we may be made like unto him in thine eternal and glorious kingdom. *Amen.*

THE NEW YEAR.

O LORD, who art our dwelling-place in all generations, grant us so to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts that we may in all things do that which is pleasing in thy sight, as thy devoted servants, according to thy holy will. *Amen.*

PALM SUNDAY.

GRANT, O God, that as on this day the disciples of Jesus Christ blessed his coming and welcomed him with joy, we may be ready to receive him into our hearts; and, having followed him on earth, may be numbered among those who shall bear palms of victory, and give glory and honor and thanks unto thee evermore. *Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY Father and Keeper of our souls, when the cross received its holy burden, and the heavens were dark, when in every outward sign of pain and gloom the patient spirit did commend itself into thy hands, then was overcome the sharpness of death; then was light sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart; then was fulfilled that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Thou art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee, and none

that wait on thee shall be desolate. So be near to us in our hour of trial; and through every darkening cloud may we hear thy voice, saying, Though for a little while hid I my face from thee, yet with everlasting mercies will I remember thee. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that, being watchful, we may be kept through the hour of temptation; and give to us such willingness of spirit, strength of heart, and patient quietness that we may not shrink from sharing the bitter cup which our Master accepted from thy hand. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to bear willingly whatever cross may be laid upon us, and to follow the most holy footsteps of thy dear Son, though they lead us along the way of sorrows. *Amen.*

EASTER.

O LORD of life, who dwellest in eternity, and who hast planted in our hearts the faith and hope which look beyond our mortal life to another, even a heavenly country: we give thee thanks this day for the bright shining of the light of immortality in Jesus Christ. As he has showed us the blessedness of heaven on earth, and has

called us into a kingdom not of this world, so may our life be made ever richer in the things that do not pass away. May we be raised up from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; and, striving now to follow in that path of duty and love in which he ever walked on earth, may we be prepared to follow him in hope and trust through all the darkness of the grave into the world of light, whither he has led the way! And, when our spirits shrink before the mystery of life and death, may we be comforted by the thought of that immortal love which knows no change, and feel that, whether we live or die, we are safe in thine everlasting arms! *Amen.*

O GREAT and gracious Presence, above, below, around, within, the Life of all that lives, we would be consciously with thee. Thou sendest forth thy breath, and we are created: thou openest thy hand and we are filled with good. To the waiting earth thou givest in due time the pulse of a new life, and to the humble seed the hour of wakening; so to the soul of man thou bringest the quickening hour, when he shall rise out of his sleep and death, and walk with thee in newness of life. To every faith bowed down, and every love laid in its grave, thou bringest a new uplifting and a heavenly birth; and to ignorance, and weakness and sin thou givest light and strength, and the ten-

der healing of forgiveness. Having received such ministry and gracious regard, let us put off the works of darkness and death and set our affections on things above, that so we may finally know the hope of thy calling and the riches of that inheritance which thou didst manifest to him whom we name our elder brother and our Lord, and with him be deemed worthy of the crown of immortality. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world, we beseech thee that, in celebrating this holy season, our hearts may be so kindled with heavenly desires, and thy love so shed abroad in us by thy holy Spirit, that we may continually seek the things which are above; and, abiding in purity of heart and mind, may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom, there to dwell in the glorious light of thy presence, world without end. *Amen.*

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thy faithful children in one communion and fellowship: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for all who unfeignedly love thee. *Amen.*

ALL SOULS' DAY.

INFINITE Life, Power, Beauty, Eternal Voice speaking in our souls: thine is the wisdom of the saint and seer, thine the light shining on the eyes of holy prophets, and thine the love that answereth and filleth every prayerful spirit. We bless thee for all the holy souls that reveal thee; for all unknown and lowly people whose daily lives are offerings heroic, sweet, and beautiful to thee; and for thy voice that speaketh within. Oh, may we heed thy call, and rise into the liberty and joy of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

AS members of one great family in thee, O Father, we come together to renew our faith, and to strengthen the bonds of love which may have been weakened amid the strife and turmoil of daily life. Help us to purify our hearts, to subdue our passions, and to remove evil from our thoughts. *Amen.*

O LORD, we pray unto thee for all mankind. Grant that wherever a heart sighs in anguish under the load of guilt, wherever a soul longs to return unto thee, it may feel the influence of thy pardoning love and mercy. May thy redeeming love be revealed to those who still

grope in the darkness of ignorance and error, and let the knowledge of thy truth shed its rays into all clouded hearts! *Amen.*

FROM thy house, O kind Father, we are about to return to our homes, to seek the shelter which thou hast prepared for us in the dear communion of our family life. Open unto us the gates of thy love. Oh, enter thou with us into our home, that it may become thy dwelling-place, thy sanctuary, and that thy spirit may abide within its walls. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, under the shadow of thy wings let us hope. Thou wilt support us, both when little, and to even gray hairs. When our strength is of thee, it is strength; but, when our own, it is feebleness. We return unto thee, O Lord, that from their weariness our souls may rise towards thee, leaning on the things which thou hast created, and passing on to thyself, who hast wonderfully made them; for with thee are refreshment and true strength. *Amen.*

O LORD, begin, we beseech thee, prosper, and finish every good work whereunto thou hast appointed us. Grant us so to realize thy protecting presence that we may cease to tremble at man's anger or shrink from man's ridicule, but

may with a good courage perform the work thou givest us to do, and, after we have suffered, may enter into rest. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Lord that hath mercy, teach our hearts to sing for joy when our lips sing praises unto thee for all thy mercies. Banish, we pray thee, from our souls gloom, discontent, and fear, and make thy love of us and our love of thee to be in us joy, confidence, and full satisfaction; and unto thee do we render all glory and honor, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us through thine infinite mercy. *Amen.*

BE thou, O Lord, our protection, who art our redemption; direct our minds by thy gracious presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love, that, among the snares which lie hidden in this path wherein we walk, we may so pass onward with hearts fixed on thee that by the way of faith we may come to be where thou wouldest have us. *Amen.*

THOU our Life and Light, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey thy commands; may the Dayspring from on high visit us, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, that they may adore thee for thy mercy, follow thee for thy truth, desire thee, for thy loving-kindness, who art the blessed Lord God eternal. *Amen.*

O LORD, grant that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us; and fill our hearts with such kindness that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, and putting away all envious thoughts, we may follow thee, who art thyself the true and perfect love. *Amen.*

O GOD, who through the grace of thy Holy Spirit dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of thy faithful people, grant unto thy servants health both of mind and body, that they may love thee with their whole strength, and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto thee. *Amen.*

O LORD, we entreat thee, give us grace to work while it is day, fulfilling diligently and patiently whatever duty thou appointest us, doing

small things in the day of small things, and great labors if thou dost summon us to any; rising and working, sitting still and suffering, according to thy word, as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which thou hast given us. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge thy glory, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship thee: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, O thou who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we either desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof we by conscience are accused, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy name. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send thy holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. *Amen.*

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. *Amen.*

O GOD, who bestowest thy mercy at all times on them that love thee, and in no place art distant from them that serve thee: direct the way of thy servants in thy will, that, having thee for their Protector and Guide, they may walk without stumbling in the paths of righteousness. *Amen.*

O LORD, who art full of compassion and gracious, grant us who love thee such patience and forbearance with all sufferers, gracious or ungracious, grateful or ungrateful, that in our stumbling walk and scant measure they may yet discern a vestige of thee, and give thee the glory. *Amen.*

O THOU who chastenest whom thou lovest, grant us grace, we pray thee, to discern thy love in whatever suffering thou sendest us. Support us in patient thankfulness under pain, anxiety, or loss, and move us with pity and tenderness for others in affliction. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church Universal in continual godliness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

BLESS this thy family, O Lord, and fill them with thy spiritual gifts. Grant them love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, that, being filled with thy holy Spirit, they may be thine for evermore. *Amen.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldst keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking guile, that, as thy holy angels ever sing thy praises in heaven, so with our tongues may we at all times glorify thee on earth. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who willest not the souls of sinners to perish, but their faults: pour out upon us the forgiveness which we

entreat, that through thy mercy we may pass from mourning into joy. *Amen.*

BE thou, Lord, ever with us, within and without, to strengthen and guard, to guide and stablish us: then shall we be thy loving children, and thou our divine Father; and our lives shall be service and joy both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, unto us who know that we are weak, and who trust in thee because we know that thou art strong, the gladsome help of thy loving-kindness, both here in time and hereafter in eternity. *Amen.*

O LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art pleased to hearken unto the prayers of thy children: grant us to grow daily in the love of thee, and to rejoice in thy protection, that we may serve thee with a quiet mind, and evermore abide in thy peace. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Life of the faithful, the Saviour and Guardian of those that love thee, increase in us grace, mercy, and peace, that, having by thy favor been carried through a happy life, we may at last attain to the height of heavenly joy. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech thee, always to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, and of whatsoever thou seest us to stand in need mercifully grant us an abundant portion. *Amen.*

O GOD, who chastisest us in thy love, and refreshest us amid thy chastening, grant that we may ever be able to give thee thanks for both. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

MAKE us, O Lord, to flourish like pure lilies in the courts of thine house, and to show forth the fragrance of good works and the example of a godly life. *Amen.*

O GOD, the renewer and lover of innocency, turn the hearts of all thy servants to thyself, that they may be found ever rooted in faith and fruitful in works. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS

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FIRST SELECTION.

I.

PSALM I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the

judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM III.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

II.

PSALM VII.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me and deliver me.

Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts.

My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

SECOND SELECTION.

I.

PSALM IX.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

The Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion:

declare among the people his doings. He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

That I may shew forth all thy praise, in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

PSALM X.

WHY standest thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

The poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM XI.

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold the children of men.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

II.

PSALM XII.

HELP, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord.

The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them for ever.

PSALM XIII.

HOW long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works.

Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

THIRD SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

Oh, my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Thou hast proved mine heart; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Arise, O Lord, deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

II.

PSALM XVIII.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice, and my cry came before him.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; with the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt show thyself froward.

For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and sing praises unto thy name.

FOURTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation

of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

II.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

FIFTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; for thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

PSALM XXVII.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host should encamp against me, my

heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

PSALM XXVIII.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

II.

PSALM XXIX.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

In his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

Lord, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

SIXTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing.

But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy pres-

ence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

Oh, love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

PSALM XXXII.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found.

Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

II.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;

and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

SEVENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Oh, fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXVI.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Oh, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

II.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever.

The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall save them, because they trust in him.

EIGHTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XXXVIII.

MINE iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

In thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Oh, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

II.

PSALM XL.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; therefore my heart faileth me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

NINTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XLI.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of

languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me:

For I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in

the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause: for thou art the God of my strength.

Oh, send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:

Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

II.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be

removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

TENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lived he blessed his soul (and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself), he shall go to the generation of his fathers.

Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

II.

PSALM L.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.

He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings continually before me.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

These things hast thou done, and I kept silence: thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself;

but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

ELEVENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

PSALM LV.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint.

My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

God shall hear, even he that abideth of old. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

II.

PSALM LVI.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

TWELFTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM LXI.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer: from the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery.

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

II.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Oh, thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

II.

PSALM LXVIII.

LET the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord;

The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

PSALM LXX.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God.

Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

FOURTEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM LXXI.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

I will also praise thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing, O thou Holy One of Israel.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

PSALM LXXIII.

TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish.

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

II.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will re-

member the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

FIFTEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM LXXVIII.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

PSALM LXXIX.

OH, remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are apppointed to die;

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;

In whose heart are the ways of them who passing through the valley of weeping make it a well.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

II.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land; thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me; thou hast delivered my soul.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Oh, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give

thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

SIXTEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM LXXXIX.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted; for thou art the glory of their strength.

The Lord is our defence. Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore

years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

II.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

SEVENTEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

II.

PSALM XCIV.

LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflict thine heritage.

They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity.

For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

EIGHTEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

PSALM XCVI.

OH, sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, Oh ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord:

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

II.

PSALM XCVIII.

OH, sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

THE Lord reigneth; and he is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

Thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

They kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

NINETEENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM C.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CI.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing.

Whoso slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off:

him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house. He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from the height of his

sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

II.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in

strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

TWENTIETH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coverest it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

II.

PSALM CV.

OH, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.

He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

PSALM CVI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people: oh, visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

Blessed be the Lord God from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

TWENTY-FIRST SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CVII.

OH, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High.

Therefore he brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

II.

PSALM CVIII.

O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice.

Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly.

PSALM CIX.

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise; for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

Help me, O Lord my God: oh, save me according to thy mercy:

That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it.

Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

TWENTY-SECOND SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord increase you more and more, you and your children.

Blessed are ye of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

We will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

II.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXVII.

OH, praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

TWENTY-THIRD SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXVIII.

OH, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

Oh, that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: oh, forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: oh, let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

II.

DEAL bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

TWENTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXIX. (*continued*).

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy mercies come unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I entreated thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

II.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

Quicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

TWENTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXIX. (*continued*).

OH how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

II.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness and very faithfulness.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delight.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.

I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy loving-kindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.

Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth.

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

TWENTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXIX. (*continued*).

CONSIDER mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXXI.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

II.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

PSALM CXXIV.

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say;

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

Then they had swallowed us up, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the

lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.

But peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVII.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late,

to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

PSALM CXXVIII.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

II.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM CXXXIV.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

PSALM CXXXVI.

OH, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
To him who alone doeth great wonders:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that by wisdom made the heavens: to him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that made great lights: the sun to rule by day: the moon and stars to rule by night:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Who remembered us in our low estate: and hath redeemed us from our enemies: who giveth food to all flesh:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Oh, give thanks unto the God of heaven:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

II.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart. I will praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me; thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever:
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

TWENTY-NINTH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

I SAID unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

II.

PSALM CXLI.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity.

Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

PSALM CXLII.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

THIRTIETH SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXLIII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:

thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

PSALM CXLIV.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength, my goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust.

Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that there be no complaining in our streets.

Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

II.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

THIRTY-FIRST SELECTION.

I.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind:

The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who pre-

pareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

II.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire and hail; snow and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men and maidens; old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent.

His glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he

will beautify the meek with salvation. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Responsive Readings for Special Occasions.

CHRISTMAS.

BLESSED be the Lord God, for he hath not left himself without a witness,

But hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Through the tender mercy of our God the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

Giving light to those who sit in darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;

That publisheth peace, that proclaimeth glad tidings of salvation.

He shall not strive nor cry, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have established equity in the earth.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding;

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Anointing him to preach good tidings to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted;

To comfort those who mourn; to proclaim liberty to the captives;

The opening of the prisons to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He was tempted like as we are, and no fault was found in him.

He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

EASTER.

WE praise thee, O God, we magnify thee. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Blessed be the name of the Lord forever, for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

Hadst thou not remembered our low estate, and bent to us with thy testimonies from of old,

We had been in darkness and the shadow of death, and the light of thy countenance had been hid.

When thou gavest the earth for the abode of man, thou didst portion his days in thy wisdom and mercy.

Thou holdest in thy right hand his years, and their record beareth witness.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

We shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Sing, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth; for the former things have passed away, and all things have become new.

The Son of man hath gone up on high, made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

In him did the fulness of thy spirit dwell; and of his fulness we may all partake.

In him was the light, and whoso followeth him shall not walk in darkness.

He came unto the world bearing witness of the truth.

And every one that is of the truth heareth his voice.

He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Being found worthy to receive the crown of everlasting life.

We are no more strangers and exiles, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below; not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

We therefore pray thee, O Lord, help thy servants whom thou hast created in thy image.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Let the dead and living praise thee, O God, above, below: let all the generations praise thee.

Let the glorified company of the first-born praise thee who dwellest in the heavens.

Blessed be the Eternal One who giveth us the victory.

And calleth us by his spirit to become the sons of God.

Blessed be the Lord our God who maketh us heirs of immortality and joint heirs with Christ in heaven.

If so be we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty

for ashes, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Blessed be the dawn of his everlasting light.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: thou wilt show me the path of life.

In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A MEMORIAL.

LET us call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory:

Those who were leaders of the people by their judgment, giving counsel by their understanding and foresight:

Wise and eloquent in their teachings, and through knowledge and might fit helpers of the people.

All these were honored in their generation, and were the glory of their times.

There be some who have left a name behind them, whose remembrance is sweet as honey in all mouths.

And there be some who have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been.

But their righteousness has not been forgotten, and the glory of their work cannot be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

For the memorial of virtue is immortal, because it is known with God and with men.

When it is present men take example of it, and when it is gone they earnestly desire it.

It weareth a crown, and triumpheth forever; having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Though a good life hath but few days, yet a good name endureth forever.

Though the righteous be overtaken by death, they shall be at rest; their souls are in the hand of God.

Though they perish from the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Seeing we are compassed about with such a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us;

And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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